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KGB Chief To Get Post On Politburo

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Andropov, chief of the State Committee on Security (KGB) which includes the Soviet Union's major intelligence operations, will be promoted to the all-powerful Politburo of the Communist party, informed sources report.

They said the promotion of the 53-year-old security chief was discussed at the opening meeting of the party's Central Committee yesterday morning.

Informed sources said Andropov, after his appointment as chief of KGB last month, was relieved of his duties as one of the secretaries of the Central Committee. Running the KGB, it was pointed out, is a fulltime job.

It was therefore explained that Andropov will be unable to retain a secretaryship on the Central Committee which meant, in his case, direction of relations with ruling foreign Communist parties.

The 36-man Central Committee met under the chairmanship of General Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev, who delivered an exhaustive report on the Middle East situation.